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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ TO UNITED NATIONS

1. DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL RAISED MATTER OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDREZ PEREZ' VISIT TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UNGA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TRAVELING IN HIS PERSONAL PLANE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 10:30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 16 AND EXPECTING TO DEPART AT 10:00 P.M. THAT SAME EVENING. IN ADDITION TO HIS ADDRESS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE WILL BE INAUGURATING SOME BICENTENNIAL PROJECT SPONSORED BY AMBASSADOR CONSALVI.

2. THE CONCERN OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL WAS DIRECTED PRINCIPALLY AT ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROTOCOLARY ARRANGEMENTS:

A. WHO WOULD MEET PRESIDENT PEREZ UPON ARRIVAL? WOULD IT BE A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S? SOMEONE FROM USUN? RECEPTION CENTER?

B. WOULD NEW YORK CITY OR STATE OFFICIALS MEET THE PRESIDENT ON ARRIVING?

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C. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS? PERMISSION FOR THE  
PRESIDENT'S GUARDS TO CARRY WEAPONS IN NEW YORK?

D. COURTESIES OF THE PORT? VISAS?

3. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S  
ACTION OFFICER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ON HIS RETURN  
TO CARACAS FROM ADVANCING THE TRIP IN EUROPE. AS THE  
DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, VENEZUELAN TEND TO BE  
EGOCENTRIC AND TO HAVE A SOMEWHAT INFLATED VALUE OF  
THEIR IMPORTANCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. WE CAN  
PREDICT THAT THEY WILL RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO ROUTINE  
TREATMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, IT STRIKES US THAT APPROPRIATE  
ATTENTION TO THE CEREMONIAL NICETIES WOULD BE A CHEAP WAY  
TO IMPACT FAVORABLY ON RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA. FOR  
INSTANCE, IF A SENIOR MEMBER OF USUN COULD BE ON HAND  
TO MEET PRESIDENT PEREZ ON ARRIVAL AT KENNEDY AIRPORT  
AS THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, IT WOULD  
BE A DISTINCT PLUS FOR OUR SIDE. CONSULTATIONS WITH  
VENEZUELAN SECURITY ADVANCE MEN WOULD BE VERY  
BENEFICIAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AT THIS MOMENT, HOWEVER, WE  
WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHAT IT  
WOULD NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ' VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WHAT IT IS  
PREPARED TO DO IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.  
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